

OUR TOWN

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Citizens Incensed at Round-up

Lower Merion Authorities Campaign Against Dogs

An angry populace greeted the invasion of the Borough by dog catchers this week. Claiming that no notice of any campaign or quarantine had been given, dog owners turned up the wits to find out who had ordered the dog hunt, and why.

A score of angry women stormed the city dog pound at Thirty-first and Chestnut streets, Tuesday afternoon to redeem pet poodles taken by dog catchers in Bala and Wynnow.

Vitriolic comments and threats of lawsuits were made when the women paid over \$3 apiece for the dogs and departed with the animals in baskets and on leashes.

The canines, including virtually every species from the common garden variety of yellow cur to pomeranians and chow chows, were gathered in the nets of the dogcatchers.

The cleanup was ordered and directed by Captain James J. Donaghey, chief of police of Lower Merion township, after a dog quarantine had been established in Bala and Wynnow Monday because a number of children had been bitten by dogs in the last week.

The dog catchers, imported by Captain Donaghey, were ordered to pick up all stray poodles which were not muzzled or leashed, regardless whether they bore license tags.

Considerable difficulty was encountered by the dog catchers when a number of women and children resorted to the net had fallen on their pets.

Offers to redeem the animals from the catchers were refused. All owners were ordered to buy back the animals from the pound.

Many scenes of excitement accompanied the invasion of the Borough. Residents claimed that the dogcatchers invaded private property, attempted to entice dogs from porches, and even snatched them from the grasp of their owners.

Mrs. John H. Hiseock, of Wynnow wood Avenue, was one of the local victims of the roundup. Two of her dogs were on the front lawn, and were chased by the dogcatchers before her eyes, it is said. One of the animals was caught and carried away against protests. The other escaped.

"Olaf," a beautiful Russian Wolf hound, belonging to Mr. Duncan Thomas, of Chestnut Avenue, was sitting by the porch of the house when the hants men approached. They stopped, and by calling and whistling, attempted to entice him from the yard. A lady across the street happened to glance out the window and saw what was going on. A wild telephone call to "grab Olaf" resulted in a sudden exodus from the house. Olaf was conducted safely in to the house and the dogcatchers proceeded to hunt for other victims.

Haverford and Narberth avenues was the scene of a number of humorous and pathetic incidents as the net artists went after a congregation of canines at that point. A small dog running alongside a car driven by a woman, with her two children was pursued and grabbed by the dogcatchers. The children screamed and the mother asked the men to return the dog. It was to no avail, and amidst the loud wails of the youngsters, their pet was dumped into the police auto and taken away.

Many other dogs in Narberth were taken, among them Mrs. Jaffer's big greyhound. The campaign extended throughout all of Lower Merion Township and Narberth.

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Christmas Spirit in Meeting

Community Club Holds Interesting Program

Preparations for the Christmas season were predominant at the Club meeting on Tuesday. It was decided to continue the custom of former years of having food for the orphan children of the city, and to the shut-ins in our own vicinity.

A plan for a community outdoor Christmas tree was presented by Mrs. Douglas, and met with great enthusiasm.

Notice was given of a reception to be held by the Club on Friday afternoon, Dec. 28th. Invitations will be given to all the women's organizations of Narberth. A program of music and two short "skits" followed by the usual social hour, will comprise the entertainment.

Seven members kindly offered their homes for Thursday afternoon to those who would care to "listen in" on the radio. The program was to be broadcast by members of the Montgomery County Federation. Both Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Jacobs were to have a part in it.

Announcement of the opening of a "gym" and swimming class in January was made. Mrs. McKillips and Mrs. Boyer will conduct the classes.

Mrs. Orth was appointed to take charge of the comforts for the sick.

The chairman of literature reported that last week was a record one for the library—377 books having been distributed.

Mrs. Batchelor, chairman of legislative, gave a brief, but interesting and comprehensive talk on the "Doings of Congress."

Mrs. Shope read a very concise and instructive paper on the most vital legislative questions of today, touching on The World Court, Law Enforcement, School Code, Water Survey and Immigration Bill. She said that foreign nations are peering referring to U. S. A. as the United States of Amundments. The immigration question was listed as being one of the gravest importance. Mrs. Shope said if we can not have a five-year cessation of immigration, let us bring in only those of the best countries, whose natives will say for America, "My flag, my country!"

Mrs. Van Aken very ably reviewed the book, "My Garden of Memory" giving just a taste, as it were, of the interesting life and charming personality of Kate Douglas Wiggin, the author.

A quartette, Mrs. Staples, Mrs. Gill, Mrs. Compton and Mrs. Sanderson, accompanied by Mrs. Wise, sang three beautiful Christmas carols.

Mrs. Hulton Kennedy presented a vivid picture in her delightful talk on Palestine, telling of her journey from Hypha to Cairo. These gifts with the poorest imagination could visualize the mountainous cliffs, the broad plains, the desert and the slopes, with the sheep herds, as of old, leading their flocks. They could smell the blossoms of the beautiful orange groves surrounding Sidon, feel the thrill of riding along a road infested by bandits, and at that in a Ford car, in a land with no speed laws—they could see the cities of Biblical fame nestled on the sides of mountains, and the River Jordan, with its dangerous and very dirty turbulent waters, and again feel the oppressive hot breeze from the Sea of Galilee, far below sea level.

Mrs. Kennedy gave minute descriptions of the dress, customs, religious festivals and superstitions of the Mohammedans. She closed her talk by saying that although many of the places visited by Christ are modernized and somewhat disappointing, some of the really sacred spots are authentic, and that a religious atmosphere clings to them, making the land of our Saviour's earthly home quite unlike any other place in the world.

The meeting was followed by the usual social "visiting," and delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Haist, and her aids.

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HOUSE ROBBED

Upon returning she noticed the loss and phoned at once to the Ardmore police headquarters. Men were sent down at once, who, with Officer Charles Givvin, of the Narberth force, investigated, but could find no clues.

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Christmas Program at School

Pupils Will Entertain Next Friday Evening

The following Christmas program will be given by the pupils of the Junior High School under the direction of Miss Speakman and of Miss Jenkins, who has coached the plays. The adult public is invited to attend these exercises which will be held in the Auditorium on the evening of December 21st at 8:15 o'clock.

Handed The Gift of Time—A play in one act. Constance D'Arcy Mackay. Gather Around the Christmas Tree. Old Carol From the Starry Heavens. High.

French Carol By Fifth and Sixth Grades. O Little Town of Bethlehem. Redner Under the Stars. Brown Betty Robb.

A Puritan Christmas—A play in two scenes. Elsie Hobart Carter. The First Nowell. Traditional. Holy Night. Haydn. Boy's Chorus.

Oh, Holy Night. Adam Ella Ross. A Christmas Masque. Constance D'Arcy Mackay. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear. Willis.

Casts of Characters THE GIFT OF TIME. Time. Jack Foster. Father Christmas. Harry Messer. Mortal. Ann Speed. The Old Year. Lee Magarity. The New Year. Ed Smith. The Past. L. Henderson. The Present. H. Thorbridge. The Future. P. Wheeler. Daylight Hour. M. Conway. Starry Hour. E. Michaelson. The Months. D. Taylor, L. Lentz, D. Clevenger, R. Hopkins, M. Boughman, P. Weaver, K. Smith, M. Robertson, B. Caldwell, R. Vallette, R. Ross.

A PURITAN CHRISTMAS. Mistress Goodspeed. K. Adams. Roger Goodspeed. W. Litchfield. Myles Goodspeed. J. Carey. Nathan Goodspeed. R. Banks. Patience Goodspeed. V. Burgesstrosser. Prudence Goodspeed. B. Hubbard. Eaglefeather. Robert Foote. Elder Hopkins. R. Barclay. William Porter. R. Timm. Goodman Turner. W. Doillard. Dominic Cobb. E. Speakman. Gilbert Appleton. R. Harris. Gershon Porter. G. Maguire. Reuben Turner. P. Baughman. Mistress Wells. C. Metzger. Desire Porter. S. Reeves. Jared Perkins. V. Spindler. Jane Porter. M. Macintosh. Priscilla Wells. H. Snyder. Mistress Porter. E. Reese.

A MASQUE OF CHRISTMAS. Gerda. D. Speck. Erick. E. Walls. Preben. E. Rowley. Karen. M. Megeve. Mother. E. Hannum. Voice of the Bell. L. Caldwell. Spirit of Giving. R. Caldwell. Spirit of Getting. A. McCracken. Spirit of Greed. J. Haylick. Spirit of Selfishness. A. Needham. Soul of Gluttony. H. Banks. Neighbors. M. Thompson. G. Colsher, R. Funk.

CHRISTMAS RECEPTION. Friday afternoon, December 28th, is the date set for the reception and Christmas entertainment which the Women's Community Club is planning to make a real event in the holiday season for all those Narberthites who would enjoy an afternoon of music, entertainment and good fellowship.

Invitations will be sent to all the women's organizations in Narberth, and the Hospitality Committee is planning many things for the pleasure of its guests. There will be several musical numbers as well as two vaudeville sketches, guaranteed to drive dull care away. There will be no charge.

READING CLASS. The regular meeting of the reading class of the Women's Community Club of Narberth will be held at the home of Mrs. A. N. Edrop on Monday, December 17, at 10:00 A. M.

This has been one of the Club's most popular classes and is open to all members. Any of the new members who have not heretofore attended any of the classes and would care to join are most heartily welcome at this meeting.

While riding his bicycle on Montgomery Pike last Sunday, John Goodwin, of Iona Ave., was struck by an automobile and badly cut about the face and neck.

Mrs. C. P. Fowler and Mrs. H. A. Jacobs, who were to speak over Gimbel's radio Thursday in connection with the Montgomery County Federation of Women's Clubs, were unable to do so because of a break-down of the transmitting station.

The next meeting of the Current Events class of the Women's Community Club will be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Harris, of 135 Merion Ave., on Tuesday, December 18, at 2:30 P. M. All members are cordially invited.

NOTICE

The Narberth Post Office will remain open to accept letters and parcel post until 8 o'clock P. M. every evening, commencing Monday, December 16th, until Xmas, except Sunday. Money order window will be closed at 6 P. M. as usual.

There will be sufficient help to give quick service. Buy all your stamps in Narberth and help raise the rating of your post office. We are within reach of raising a point in our classification for the year, which means a great deal to a community. FRED C. PATTEN, Postmaster.

The FIRESIDE

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Eashy are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Browning, of Narberth Park, are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. W. Voight are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Hugh Wilford Bunce Voight.

A number of Narberth students at Penn State return this week end for the holidays. They are R. R. Howenlein, Gladys H. McIntyre, Elwin H. Martin, Kenneth E. Strickler and Robert A. Ward.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Parker entertained at cards last Saturday evening when the following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Ruch, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Lacey, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Garfield Atherholt, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. F. Richard Gifford.

Aprons left from the Bazaar held by the Methodist Church are for sale at the home of Mrs. E. A. Lanes, 227 Iona Avenue. Her phone number is 1628-J.

Rev. Harry M. Chaffant, of Chestnut Avenue, is a member of the executive committee of the Citizen's Committee for the Suppression of Lawlessness to be held at Harrisburg January 2nd.

Miss Elizabeth L. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, of Merion Ave., has returned from Douglas Lake, Michigan, where she has spent the last six months. She was accompanied by Miss Vera Grannis, of Wolcottville, Ind. The two girls were classmates at Oberlin College, and have opened a "tea room" on Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr, naming it "The Chatter Box."

Mr. John Dwyer, of Avon Road, accompanied by his brother, is deer hunting in Maine.

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Narberth Tennis Association met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. T. Smedley in the Avon Apartments.

Mrs. C. M. McCracken and the Misses Anna and Helen McCracken, of Merion Ave., have returned from their recent trip to Kentucky.

Watch for the notice of the first meeting of the W. C. C. Gymnasium class in January.

Mr. George Merritt Davis, of Woodside Avenue, is on a trip to Florida.

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Mrs. C. M. Lukens, of Montgomery Ave., spent last week-end in West Philadelphia.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Chorus Choir of the Narberth M. E. Church will sing Dudley Buck's peerless cantata, "The Coming of the King," on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, at 7:45 P. M.

It is difficult to find any work of this nature which equals this composition in beauty and interpretation of the story of Christ's birth. At the morning service on the 23rd, the Chorus will sing: "Christmas"..... Shelley "Three Slovak Christmas Carols, Kountz "There Were Shepherds"..... Marks "O Little Babe of Bethlehem, quarter by Stults. Plan to attend both of these services, that you may receive the full benefit of the spirit of Christmas in message and song.

Community Carols Christmas Eve

Christmas Tree on Playground is Planned

"A Singing Town for an Hour" is planned by the Committee of Women's Community Club which is waiting for a community carol service on Christmas eve.

Mrs. L. C. Douglass, chairman of the Committee, has secured the cooperation of all Narberth's Churches in the plan. The Narberth Civic Association is also cooperating in promoting the plans for the event.

The plans call for a large community tree, to be erected on the Playground, on Windsor Avenue, above Wynnowood. At ten minutes of seven members of Narberth's Churches will leave the respective buildings and will march to the field, singing, "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing." Upon arriving at the tree there will be brief exercises and the singing of carols until eight o'clock, upon which the meeting will break up in plenty of time for the trimming and the other duties and pleasures of Christmas Eve.

There will be a ten minute Christmas address by Senator Fletcher W. Sprites, and community singing by everyone. The Churches which so far have agreed to cooperate in the plan are: Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic and Lutheran. All Saints Episcopal Church of Wynnowood has also been invited to join in the services.

The expense of the affair, the first of its kind Narberth has ever had, will be met by popular subscription. The cost will not exceed \$150, which means that a dollar from a hundred and fifty residents will assure the expenses. Such contributions may be made by sending the money to "The Town," or by leaving your share in the affair at the office of the Narberth Coal and Building Material Co., Mr. Ralph S. Dunne, treasurer of the Narberth Civic Association.

Final details of this coming event will be given in "Our Town" next week. This is a real community affair and something that many residents have often hoped could be consummated. It is the only factor which will prevent its being held, and the entire community is going ahead with the plan with enthusiasm.

Two Narberth men are opening a new auto sales agency in Ardmore this afternoon. The new concern, under the name of Downes Flint Motors, Inc., is located opposite the Ardmore Theatre.

Mr. Carroll Downes, Jr., of Woodside Ave., and Mr. Joseph C. Walker, of Narberth Ave., are opening the sales room. Mr. Downes has been with the Durant Motor Company since its inception, and Mr. Walker has a number of years' experience in salesmanship.

The Flint Six, to be handled by the new concern, is the latest product of the Durant enterprise. W. C. Durant spent over a million dollars and two years of time in experimentation before placing his new car on the market. It will replace, to a large extent the Durant Six.

Mr. Downes is the son of Carroll Downes, vice president of the Durant Motor Corporation, President of Star Motors, and an officer of many of the subsidiary enterprises. Mr. Downes, Jr., graduated from the Narberth High School in 1916, and has been a resident of Narberth for the past eleven years.

The many friends of these men in Narberth will be interested in the new enterprise, the scope of which is to take in the entire Main Line district.

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Highly Successful Lecture on World Court

The residents of Narberth are greatly indebted to the Narberth League of Women Voters for the opportunity to hear Dr. Fenwick's brilliant lecture on "The Historical Background of the World Court," Friday evening of last week.

The auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. was well filled by an audience of representative men and women of our community, who paid the closest attention to the speaker, and many of whom showed their deep interest by taking advantage of the opportunity offered to ask questions concerning points not clearly understood.

In view of the late President Harding's strong advocacy of the participation of the United States in the World Court, and of President Coolidge's recent strong endorsement of the idea, the lecture was very timely, as the World Court will be very widely discussed during the coming year.

Mrs. C. P. Fowler, President of the local branch of the League, demonstrated her exceptional ability in conducting a public meeting, which she opened with a brief but very clear exposition of the aims and objects of the League. Dr. Fenwick was then introduced.

He began by showing how disputes between individuals, instead of being settled by right of might were referred to the community for settlement. This principle, once determined on as between individuals, was logically extended to differences between communities, and finally to arbitration between States, two by two. The organization of a World Court is the final step; the substitution of the right of each nation to enforce its own claims and be the arbiter in its own case, by the collective responsibility of the whole group of nations.

International arbitration in the past has failed, not because of the kind of court set up, but because of the lack of obligation or compulsion to arbitrate all disputes without exception. There has always been some qualification in these agreements to arbitrate. When the second Hague Conference met in 1907, an effort was made to secure an agreement to arbitrate at least a limited group of international disputes. This was unsuccessful. The most that could be obtained was the unanimous approval of the Conference of "the principle of compulsory arbitration." As far as the United States were concerned, we would not pledge ourselves any more than the others to an unqualified obligation.

The record of our own treaties shows the same evasion, at every turn, of compulsory arbitration. The Root treaties of 1908 provided that the contracting parties should agree to arbitrate legal disputes and disputes relating to the interpretation of treaties, with the proviso, however, that they should not involve the "honor or vital interests" of the contracting parties. Of course, it is easy to find our honor or vital interests involved, if we desire to evade arbitration. Our action in the dispute with Colombia, and in the matter of Panama Canal tolls, is a good illustration.

The next treaties negotiated were (Continued on Page 4)

KING'S DAUGHTERS. The Evangel Circle of King's Daughters held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Frank Hewitt.

The ladies sewed during the morning. A delicious lunch was served by Mrs. Samuel Bowman, Mrs. F. Baker and Mrs. McCoy, of Phila.

The president, Mrs. F. E. Derby, opened the afternoon session with Scripture reading and prayer. This was a very interesting and busy meeting, as the Circle planned their Christmas work. Remembering some elderly ladies with substantial checks to make their Christmas brighter; also sending checks to children's hospitals and homes. Toys to children who would probably not have any. Also the Shut-Ins—the Circle have a committee who look after this part of the work during the year.

The Circle will as usual send a box to the Door of Hope at White Marsh. This box contains a pound of candy for each inmate, a turkey, vegetables, groceries, fruits, canned goods and nuts.

Those wishing to contribute to this box please send articles to 212 Hampden Ave., before or on Dec. 20 and 21.

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SATURDAY, DEC. 15, 1923

EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS

Fire, 350.
Police, 1250.
or Ardmore 20.

To the Editor of "Our Town":

In the December 8th issue of "Our Town" appears a statement headed "Straw Vote for School Director" from which I quote: "Names may be mentioned in such a number of times to be of some value to the President of the Board in whom is vested the power of appointment." From this statement one might infer that the President had the appointive power in the case of vacancies, whereas this power is vested in the Board as provided for by Section 214 of the School Code. "Section 214. In case any vacancy shall occur in any board of school directors in any school district of this Commonwealth by reason of death, resignation, removal from office or otherwise, the remaining members of the board of school directors shall by a majority vote thereof fill such vacancy within thirty days thereafter."

Feeling sure that you will want this possibly wrong impression corrected, I am taking the liberty of writing you to this effect.

George H. Wilsn.

To the Editor of "Our Town":

In the issue of "Our Town" dated December 8th you mention the resignation of Mr. Henry Rose from the School Board, also that "Mr. Rose has stated that his decision is final, and it will therefore be necessary for the Board to consider the appointment of a successor."

I would like to suggest the name of Henry W. Shelton, who has displayed a keen interest in School matters.

Mr. Shelton is a college graduate has had experience on a School Board, and is unusually well fitted to perform the duties required.

George A. Muhl.

To the Editor of the Correspondent's Column:

Can you reveal to us the name of the portly and dignified old gentleman who nightly promenades the boulevards of Narberth, accompanied by a valuable and ferocious looking bull dog, which is attached to a chain? Is he an English or Irish nobleman living here in cognito while observing the customs of our people? We believe he resides somewhere on Forest Avenue, and are

all his home is surrounded by spacious grounds which evidently are not spacious enough to gratify the dog's tracking propensities.

I trust you will gratify the curiosity of a larger number of your

Constant Readers.

Sorry, but the information must await the report of our staff detective. Does this inquiry have anything to do with the invasion of dog catchers? E. L.

CHRISTMAS COMES

Flash of red and a tint of green,
Dash of tinsel like silver sheen,
Suggests to us that holiday,
For Christmas now is on its way.

Nearer more wonderful could it be,
That holiday to you and me.

That day was born the Christ Child,
Our savior, meek and mild.

The church spires in the distance
Stand,

To you and me seem to command,
Striving on through the ice and snow,
Toward the village church we go.

Happier marks that day all through,
Many again start life anew.

Christmas comes but once a year,
Happier, lovelier and cheer.

SHEILAH M. FOSTER.

SCHOOL NOTES

Teachers for the week: Kitty Adams and Catharine Metzger.

On Friday, December 14th, Miss Adams announced that the following girls had made the team:

Right Wing—Catharine Metzger, captain.
Right L. L. L.—Virginia Burgstrasser,
Forward—Annelie New Dean.

Left Back—Anne Speck.
Left Wing—Elmer Reese.

Right Halfback—Kitty Adams, manager.

Left Halfback—Lois Caldwell.

Left Halfback—Ruth Hopkins.

Right Fullback—Dorothy Speck.

Left Fullback—Patience Wohler.

Goal Keepers—Laura Henderson.

The boys are practicing soccer and basketball under the supervision of Coach Gregg. Next Tuesday their basketball team will be selected, and it looks as if there will be a promising season for Narberth.

In the ninth grade Latin class, which is taught by Miss Tyson, there are two teams—the "Legio Decima" and the "Victores." Their leaders are John Havilick and Ruth Caldwell respectively.

These teams play against each other in Latin spelling matches, time tests, verb relay races, and in short anything to do with Latin. At the end of each month Miss Tyson announces to the Latin class the winning team, which is determined by the average mark of the pupils on the teams. Hereafter the losing team will be obliged to give a play to the winning. We find that this "team work" stimulates interest in Latin and makes us study when we do not realize it.

LUTHERANS FORFEIT GAMES TO PRESBYTERIANS

The Lutherans and Presbyterians of the Inter-Church Bowling League were scheduled to meet last Friday evening, Dec. 7th, but the Lutherans failed to get their team together, and therefore forfeited the three games to the Presbyterians. This boosted the standing of the Presbyterians, putting them in second place.

The standing of the teams now is as follows:

	W	L	P.C.
Methodists	11	4	.733
Presbyterians	8	7	.533
Lutherans	5	7	.416
Baptists	3	9	.250

Straw Vote
For School Director

The coupon for the straw ballot for school director is again printed in this issue of "Our Town." There are a number of straw ballots being returned and we are very glad to give our residents this opportunity of expressing themselves on who should be Mr. Henry Rose's successor. Inadvertently, an incorrect statement was made in last week's issue of the paper, to the effect that the new school director would be appointed by the President of the Board. The director will be elected by the entire Board, and because this power of appointment is not confined to any one man, we will publish in "Our Town" the results of the straw ballot, as undoubtedly this will be of vital interest to our citizens.

Simply name the person whom you think would be your logical representative on the School Board. It is hoped that this straw ballot will be helpful to our citizens in determining their selection.

COUPON

In my opinion would make an excellent School Director.

(No signature necessary)

NARBERTH TEAMS DEFEAT HENRY FELLOWSHIP

A large crowd of basketball enthusiasts invaded the Y. M. C. A. last Saturday to see the two local teams defeat Henry Fellowship in two well played games. After a 40 minute struggle the Narberth "A" team emerged victorious over the Henry "A" team by a 23-17 score.

A couple minutes after the first tip-up Dickie shot a field goal which gave Narberth a slim lead, but it was enough to keep the local boys on top until the last whistle. Field goals as usual were scarce, but Narberth managed to outscore the Henry Boys 10 to 6. Gene Davis, "Emp" Yowell and John Dickie again were the stars for Narberth.

"Emp" Dickie had a field night when he scored nine field goals against the Henry "B" team, and he was also assisted by the rest of the local players in defeating the visitors, 40-9. The first half was rather interesting, but the second half was all Narberth once they started to locate the basket.

Next Friday, December 21, the Cooper M. E. club will invade Narberth for the first time. The Cooper boys are leading the league, with Narberth a close second. A good game is promised for this night.

Narberth "A"

	Field	Foul	
Goals	Goals	Total	
Davis, F.	2	1	3
Dickie, F.	2	1	3
Yowell, C.	2	1	3
Powell, G.	1	1	2
Harsch, G.	0	0	0

Henry Fellowship

	Field	Foul	
Goals	Goals	Total	
C. Leith, F.	1	1	2
Nicks, F.	1	1	2
G. Leith, C.	1	1	2
Goldberger, G.	1	1	2
Boyd, G.	2	0	2

Narberth "B"

	Field	Foul	
Goals	Goals	Total	
Yocum, F.	1	1	2
Ricklin, F.	2	3	5
C. Humphries, G.	1	1	2
B. Humphries, G.	2	0	2
M. Dickie, G.	1	2	3
Hurd, G.	1	1	2

Henry Fellowship

	Field	Foul	
Goals	Goals	Total	
McQuade, F.	2	2	4
McGraw, F.	0	0	0
Young, G.	0	0	0
Jones, G.	2	2	4
Smith, G.	0	1	1

Our Town

was derived chiefly from salary or wages or from business, profession, or other taxable sources—the taxpayer will receive both forms, and is advised to note carefully the instructions regarding their use.

FORM PENSION ASSOCIATION

An application for a charter for the Lower Merion Pension Fund Association has been made and a campaign to raise funds has been started with the backing of influential citizens of the township.

Mr. David Latham is president of the Association; Richard J. Hamilton is treasurer, and Evan L. James, secretary. A board of directors and trustees will be appointed and rules and regulations formulated to provide for the care and assistance to members of the police force when they become too old for active service or incapacitated in performing police duty.

This movement has been under consideration for several years, but definite action has just been started. It has the approval of Chief James L. Donaghy and members of the police force.

They already have a sum of \$450 and the campaign now under way is expected to put the association on a good financial basis. Regular dues will be paid into the fund by the policemen and they will draw benefits after a certain period of service when they retire.

It is a most worthy cause and should receive the liberal financial support of the residents of Lower Merion and Narberth.

STRAW VOTE

Replies are coming in for the straw vote being held by the Narberth Civic Association on the filling of the vacancy in the School Board to be caused by the coming resignation of Mr. Henry Rose.

The coupon is printed again this week. The names suggested to date (in alphabetical order) are: Albert J. Becker, John J. Cabrey, Mrs. L. C. Douglass, Jesse S. Harris, I. A. Miller, Mrs. Abbie W. Nickerson and Henry Wood Shelton.

VICE VERSA

Ray: "My husband's so jealous."
Fay: "Isn't that embarrassing?"
Ray: "Yes. Isn't yours?"
Fay: "Not a bit."
Ray: "Isn't that humiliating?"

Choral Banquet

The banquet of the Choral Society on Monday evening was a most enjoyable affair and the best attended of all the banquets that have been held by the Choral. There were 85 present, and among those participating in the program were Miss Ernestine Bacon, Soprano, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Thelma Melrose Davies, Contralto, of Philadelphia; Master Jack Gressener, "The Boy Orator," of Ardmore Park; Miss Florence Harde, Violinist, Matinee Musical Club Orchestra; and a Double Quartette from the Choral.

In addition there were speeches by Professor Nice, former Director, and by Mr. William P. Bentz, the new Director who was introduced by Mr. H. C. Fennel, past President of the Choral.

Mr. Bentz outlined the plans for the Choral for the coming season. Rehearsals will begin on January 7th, and the first concert will be on April 6th. Subsequent concerts probably will be given in connection with the Melody Club of Ardmore and the Main Line Orchestra.

All in all the outlook for the coming season is very bright, and the members of the Choral are all "pepped up" for the rehearsals which will begin after the holidays.

No. 225

AN ORDINANCE

To Strike Berkley Avenue, from Windsor Avenue to Haverford Avenue, from the Official Plan of the Borough of Narberth.

Section 1. The Council of the Borough of Narberth does ordain: That Berkley Avenue, from the South side of Windsor Avenue to the north side of Haverford Avenue, shall be stricken from the official plan of said Borough.

Passed this 12th day of November, A. D. 1923.

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President of Council.

CHAS. V. NOEL,

Secretary.

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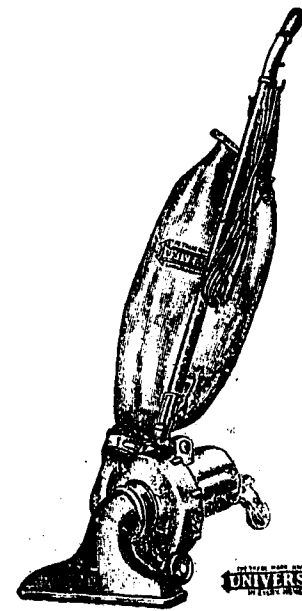
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Sunday School services at 11 A. M.

Wednesday evening Testimonial Meeting, 8 P. M.

The subject of the Bible lesson service for Dec. 10th will be "The Preserver of Man."

NARBERTH METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Arthur S. Walls, D. D., Pastor.

Sunday, Dec. 16:

9:45 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A. M. and 7:45 P. M.—Morning and Evening Worship. Preaching by the pastor.

6:45 P. M.—Young People's Meeting. Epworth League.

Church Notes

The Sunday School will give their annual Christmas entertainment on Thursday evening, Dec. 20th, at 7:45 P. M. The program will include the cantata, "Santa and the Givers," rendered by the school. Parents and friends of the school are specially invited.

For announcement of other Christmas music, see elsewhere in this issue of "Our Town."

BAPTIST CHURCH OF THE EVANGEL

Rev. Avery S. Demmy, Pastor.

Sunday, 9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.

The attendance last Sunday was the largest in the history of the school.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship.

7:00 P. M.—Young People's Meeting.

7:45 P. M.—Evening Worship.

Tuesday—Meeting of Women's Society at the home of Mrs. L. H. Trotter. White Cross work at 10:30 A. M. and Program at 2:30 P. M.

Wednesday—Mid-week service of the Church at 8:00 P. M. Subject, "What the Christmas Time Means to Me."

Thursday, 7:30 P. M.—Christmas Program of the Sunday School in the Church auditorium.

A cordial invitation is extended to all the services of this Church.

George A. Mahl.

HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

M. E. McLinn, Pastor.

Services, Sunday, Dec. 16, 1923:

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M.

Preaching Service at 11:00 A. M.

Evening Service at 7:45 P. M.

Theme in morning: "The Opening Day."

Theme in Evening: "The Woman's Thank-Offering Meeting."

To these services men and women, young people and children are invited.

Our services on last Sunday were well attended, especially in the morning. With quite a number of strangers present, an excellent Congregational meeting followed the morning service, at which important business was transacted. In the evening we had a delightful and impressive service, in which we were pleased to see other strangers, among whom were some students from the Mt. Airy Theological Seminary, who expressed themselves both pleased and benefitted, and so we are going forward.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. John Van Ness, Minister.

Meetings for Dec. 16:

9:45 A. M.—Bible School. Everyone welcome.

11:00 A. M.—Morning Worship. Sermon theme, "The Star of Hope."

6:45 P. M.—Christian Endeavor Meeting. Leader, Miss Clara Follette.

7:45 P. M.—Evening Worship. Mr. Van Ness will deliver the last in the series of sermons on the Epistles to the Philippians.

Church Notes

Prayer Meeting next Wednesday evening addressed by Dr. S. Z. Shope.

Special Christmas music will be rendered by the Church Quartette next Sunday morning, and in the evening the Quartette, assisted by a chorus of trained voices will render a Christmas cantata.

It is very gratifying to note that on last Sunday we had a record attendance in the Bible School. There were 368 in attendance, which is the largest number ever present at a regular school session. The regular monthly meeting of the Teachers' Association will be held next Friday evening.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH Wynnewood, Pa.

Rev. Gibson Bell, Rector.

Rev. M. H. Birkhart, Associate Rector

Service, Sunday, 11 A. M.—Litany and Anti-Concomitum.

The Male Choir of the Church will render the music for the service. Anthem: "The Night is Far Spent," Stearns.

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NARBERTH WEATHER REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING DEC. 8

High—Low

Barometer—30.20—30.18

Temperature—29°—29°

Precipitation—Since Dec. 1, 1.84 in.

Temperature excess—Since Dec. 1, 6.5 degrees.

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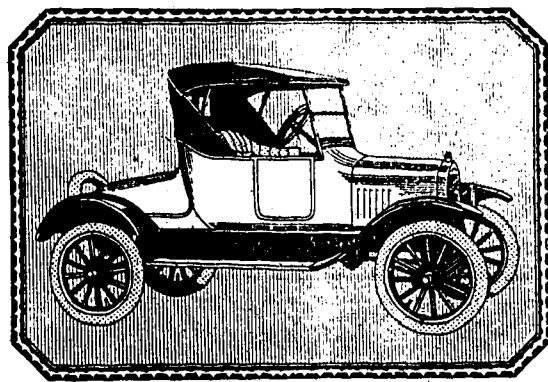
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And what has happened is this. The librarians no longer occupy the center of the room. The center of things is now given over to books and visitors. Where the work tables formerly were, is one long table at which the children may sit and read. Here are such magazines as the "John Martin Book" and "Child Life." The boys and girls have asked for "St. Nicholas," and if some one would like to send in a subscription for the library the children would be grateful.

In the rear of the room there is a counter on which the filing cases have always rested. Here the librarians now stand, with charging tray, pencils and paper, reserve books and all the other necessary paraphernalia easily accessible, and the sign above the counter reads, "Discharge Desk." The appearance of the room is greatly improved, and has taken on the atmosphere of a big city library.

And now the reason for more room and better utilization of space. Two years ago an editorial appeared in "Our Town" congratulating the library on having attained a circulation of 50 books a week. That was a good record for so young a library and there was plenty of room for books and readers then. But last week there were 377 books distributed, and that one fact shows what a task it has been to make the allotted space elastic enough to hold the extra 2,000 books and the extra 300 or so people.

The magazine table in the corner is a pleasant place to spend a cheerful winter afternoon or evening. There is always room there for one more.

Many new free books will soon be available. After the first of the year the books now on the rental shelves which were published in 1921, will be transferred to the free shelves.

PEABODY CAPTAIN

Frank Peabody, who played a hard consistent game of football all through the season for Coach Forstburg as left halfback on the great Lower Merion High football team of the past season was elected captain of the eleven for 1924 at a meeting of the football letter men in the school at Ardmore last Friday afternoon. His election, while not assured beforehand, was more or less expected. Peabody was given some opposition for the leadership, but when the first tally had been completed and it became evident that he had easily won, another courtesy vote was taken and he was elected unanimously to the captaincy.

The eighteen lettermen who took part in the voting were Kuen, Peabody, Peterson, Fleming, Nugent, Markoe, Costello, Derham, Lockwood, Odiorne, Reiss, Dohann, Fulwell Scull, Paul Scull, Dillworth, Hill, Barr and Purring.

The new captain has been on the varsity gridiron squad ever since he entered Lower Merion High. In his Freshman year he went out for the team and drew the attention of the coaches; in his Sophomore year he made the varsity, his letters, and an alumni gold football; and in his Junior year he made the captaincy. He played a consistent steady game throughout, was rated as a good man on the defense, and this year won attention with his playing in the backfield.

Peabody, in addition to his football activities, is also out for the basketball team, and recently he was elected president of his senior classroom.

The letters which were awarded to eighteen members of the football squad were presented to them Tuesday of this week. The honorary letters were by Bud Makin, as manager were also presented to him. The honorary letters contained an "A. A." on either side of the name "L. M." to distinguish them from the regular letters. The "A. A." stands for the Athletic Association of the school.

Amateur boxing was also made Tuesday in assembly of an inter-class cross country race which will be run off next Thursday afternoon.

Election of football manager for 1924 was held Tuesday afternoon. Lewis McMakin, of Bala Cynwyd, was voted the honor. There were three candidates for the position, McMakin, Bill Lafore and Chandler Laughlin. The manager was elected by the Athletic Association of which most of the male members of the school are members.

The Senior class gave its first dance of the year in the gymnasium of the school last Saturday evening at 9 o'clock. Excellent attendance, good music and gaily decorations made the affair a brilliant success.

Among those present from Bala Cynwyd were: Andrew MacGowan and Catherine McCormick, Eugene Nugent and Josephine Burnett, William Madu and Christine Brooke, Charles Peterson and Sarah Brooke, Fulwell Scull and Phyllis Cadden, Robert MacCracken and Evelyn Reed, Samuel Kuen and Dorothy Campbell, Vera Yorgenson and Kathryn Cresson, Charles Hawley and Anne Broadbent, Ted Rheims and Dorothy Cross, James Miller and Dorothy Lehr, Allan Holloway, Cresson Delaplaine, Lewis MacMakin, Wendell Stewart and Warner Koenig.

"Where do they get that stuff?" is the song carolled by the students of Lower Merion High when they "learned" this week that Norristown High had been crowned suburban football champ.

The Norristown business men, proud of the record hung up by their high school team, got together and gave the eleven a dinner this week and also a handsome silver cup to make up for their loss of the Brown Alumni Cup. Norristown has a team which hung up a record of which the business men of that village may be justly proud; it was a fine thing for them to present the team with both free eats and a cup in token of their esteem. That the Lower Merion students are agreed upon but where the "Public Ledger" gets authority for its statement made on Sunday that the cup will be presented "to the team which Friday afternoon won the suburban league title at Franklin Field," the stables fail to see.

Norristown defeated Ridley Park, they wish to inform the world at large and the "Ledger" in particular, but Lower Merion still remains in the field with Norristown, undefeated by a scholastic rival in two seasons.

With the football season closed, all attention at Lower Merion High School is now turning to basketball. Court practices have been going on for some time, but this week the serious matter of getting a team formed and in shape really got under way for the first time. The squad was cut down from fifty men to a little over twenty and an announcement was made that another elimination would soon be forthcoming.

THE WORLD COURT

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the Taft Treaties of 1911. These made a distinction between justiciable and non-justiciable disputes, the former being those which by reason of their character may be submitted to arbitration, and the non-justiciable those which were not suitable for arbitration. Under this technical phraseology, the door was again left wide open to escape from a demand that we arbitrate disputes when we did not wish to arbitrate. Again, in 1913, the Bryan Treaties were negotiated, which do not attempt to pledge the United States to arbitrate, but do attempt to pledge as ineffectively to submit all questions to investigation and report, giving ample time to "cool off" before going to war.

The United States has never been willing to submit all disputes without question to arbitration, not because of the faulty constitution of the court, but because of the lack of a definite law. Unless there is a clear law on the subject, a nation is not going to the court. There is no true international law, because it does not touch the real things of life. There are a lot of diplomatic courtesies provided for, and many valuable provisions relating to the extradition of criminals, and matters like that, but it does not touch the real interests of nations. There is no guarantee in existing international law of the life, liberty and property of a nation. Consequently, every nation undertakes to protect itself, and therefore we have a Monroe Doctrine; in the interests of our own existence, we are not going to have the European system here. Similarly, Great Britain has its Balfour Doctrine, because Great Britain has special interests in the Mediterranean which she will not submit to arbitration. France has its Poincare Doctrine, relating to Morocco and other French interests, and so with the Spaniards, Italians, Greeks, and Japanese.

We also have the rivalries of inter-

national trade. We have no interstate commerce law for the nations. In the absence of such a law, no nation will go to an international court and arbitrate the chance of getting certain valuable rights. The real need of the nations is to submit all matters of an international character to a rule of law. Until that is done, there is no hope of obligatory arbitration, nor of peace in the world as regards matters vital to the interests of nations. Each nation is its own judge, and undertakes to maintain its right by its own armed force. There is only one answer to this condition: for isolated individual action, we must substitute collective responsibility, the principle underlying all law.

The world needs international organization so desperately, that the statesmen of the world must get down to the problem, and merely by setting up another court. We must get the nations together in an assembly, and frame a law. If we do not get that law, we cannot get cases before the court, and there will be new wars.

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